

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CLETE REO HART, P82312,)	
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Plaintiff(s),)	No. C 14-0399 CRB (PR)
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vs.)	ORDER OF DISMISSAL
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DR. SOFI, et al.,)	
)	
Defendant(s).)	

Plaintiff, a prisoner at Salinas Valley State Prison and frequent litigant in federal court, filed a pro se complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 alleging general “disrespect” and lack of assistance by prison medical staff. He also sought to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) under 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

Per order filed on April 24, 2014, the court found that 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) bars plaintiff from proceeding IFP in this action because plaintiff: (1) has had three or more prior prisoner actions dismissed by a federal district court on the grounds that they are frivolous, malicious, or fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted; and (2) does not appear to be seeking relief from a danger of serious physical injury which is imminent at the time of filing. Docket #9 at 2 (citing cases).

Pursuant to the law of the circuit, plaintiff nonetheless was afforded an opportunity to persuade the court that § 1915(g) does not bar pauper status for him. Id. (citing Andrews v. King, 398 F.3d 1113, 1120 (9th Cir. 2005)). The court gave plaintiff 30 days to “show cause why § 1915(g) does not bar pauper status for him,” and explained that “[f]ailure to show cause, or pay the requisite \$ 400.00 filing fee, within the designated time will result in the dismissal of this

1 action without prejudice to [his] bringing it in a new paid action.” Id. at 2-3.

2 Plaintiff has responded by filing a letter in which he asserts that he was
 3 “heavily medicated” when he filed most the 2005 and 2006 cases now deemed
 4 “strikes,” and that at that time, “in the early 2000’s,” he was “definitely ‘under
 5 imminent danger’ . . . of ‘serious physical injury’” because he was “assaulted
 6 more than five times.” Docket #10 at 1, 3. Unfortunately for plaintiff, that he
 7 may have been medicated at the time that he filed the 2005 and 2006 cases now
 8 deemed “strikes” does not excuse the fact that he filed three or more prior
 9 prisoner cases dismissed by a federal district court on the grounds that they are
 10 “frivolous, malicious, or fail[] to state a claim upon which relief may be granted,”
 11 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). After all, plaintiff’s proposed excuse – being heavily
 12 medicated in 2005 and 2006 – seems hardly persuasive when plaintiff now –
 13 presumably no longer heavily medicated – again is trying to file many of the
 14 same cases previously dismissed as frivolous, malicious or for failure to state a
 15 claim. And that plaintiff may have been under imminent danger of serious
 16 physical injury in the early 2000’s in no way shows that in this action he is
 17 seeking relief from a danger of serious physical injury which was imminent at the
 18 time of filing. See Andrews v. Cervantes, 493 F.3d 1047, 1053 (9th Cir. 2007).

19 In sum, plaintiff has not shown in his response to the court’s order to show
 20 cause, or anywhere else, that § 1915(g) does not bar pauper status for him in this
 21 prisoner action. Plaintiff’s instant prisoner action accordingly is DISMISSED
 22 without prejudice to bringing it in a new paid action.

23 The clerk shall enter judgment pursuant to this order and close the file.

24 SO ORDERED.

25 DATED: May 9, 2014


 26 CHARLES R. BREYER
 27 United States District Judge

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